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To: Cities and Towns

From: Tom Manos, Maricopa County Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for Fiscal Year 2007-08

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for Fiscal Year 2007-08. The following table illustrates the Per Diem Rates, effective July 1, 2007:

Per Diem Rates	FY 07-08	FY 06-07	Difference
Housing Rate	\$72.33	\$62.29	\$10.04
Booking Rate	\$189.23	\$163.64	\$25.59

Detention Officer salaries and corresponding benefits account for approximately 89% of the direct jail operating expenses. Accordingly, the increases in the per diem rates are primarily due to the establishment of 210 new positions and an increase in compensation and benefit rates for detention personnel. In the past year, the turnover rate for detention personnel has averaged over 15%. As a result, for most of the year there have been about 300 funded but vacant positions resulting in increased overtime pay.

In Fiscal Year 2003, the County contracted with an outside consultant (Liebert Study) to assess the adequacy of detention personnel. Based on the recommendations of the study, the County remains under staffed by 140 positions as these positions have not been funded. In addition, the County will conduct another study to determine the adequacy of detention personnel based on the new detention facilities. This study should be completed in Fiscal Year 2006-07.

The County is in the process of hiring a consultant to review the allocation methodologies that are currently being used to calculate the Per Diem Rates. The methodology was last reviewed in Fiscal Year 2002-03. The cost study and methodology review will take into consideration the new detention facilities. The review should be completed for the calculation of the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Per Diem Rates.



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As with the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Per Diem Rates, the rates calculated for Fiscal Year 2007-08 include the costs for outside medical services. The following attachment represents adjustments made to the major components of the detention budget for the past four fiscal years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shelby Scharbach, Deputy Finance Director, at 602-506-1367.

Cc: City/Town Manager



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MARICOPA COUNTY Major Components of Detention Budget Increases February 2007				
	Based on FY Budget	Total Detention	Increase	%
Sheriff's Detention FY 04	FY 03	\$ 85,953,935		
Sheriff's Detention FY 05	FY 04	\$ 99,447,627	13,493,692	15.7%
Sheriff's Detention FY 06	FY 05	\$ 121,469,205	22,021,578	22.1%
Sheriff's Detention FY 07	FY 06	\$ 157,611,040	36,141,835	36.3%
Sheriff's Detention FY 08	FY 07	\$ 175,061,946	17,450,906	14.4%
Budget Increase FY 03 to FY 04				
200 Additional Positions		9,234,627		
Increased Benefit Costs		2,916,824		
Market Adjustments		1,342,241		
		\$ 13,493,692		
Budget Increase FY 04 to FY 05				
416 Additional Positions		17,647,950		
Increased Benefit Costs		2,239,447		
Performance Pay		1,830,255		
Software Maintenance		303,926		
		\$ 22,021,578		
Budget Increase FY 05 to FY 06				
528 Additional Positions		23,994,175		
Market Adjustments and Performance Pay		6,908,604		
Increased Benefit Costs		2,771,928		
Custodial Service Increase		2,132,261		
Radio and Computer Replacement		334,867		
		\$ 36,141,835		
Budget Increase FY 06 to FY 07				
Detention Staffing		6,914,036		
Increased Benefit Costs		4,588,978		
Market Adjustments, Performance Pay, Misc items		4,743,618		
Annualization of 210 New Jail Positions		1,204,274		
		\$ 17,450,906		